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Message from Hazrat Ameer

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وَلْتَكُنْ مِنْكُمْ أُمَّةٌ يَدْعُونَ إِلَى الْخَيْرِ وَيَأْمُرُونَ بِالْعَدْلِ وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ
الْمُنْكَرِ وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُتَّقُونَ ﴿١٠٤﴾

And from among you there should be a party who invite to good and enjoin the right and forbid the wrong. (Quran 3: 104)

Dear members of the Jama'at,

Assalaam-o-Alaikum wa Rakhmatullahe wa Barakaato Hoo.

Since my last message to you in I'LAN I have had a chance to personally meet many brothers and sisters of our Jama'at who live in lands far away from Pakistan. When I took office as the Ameer of the Jama'at, I had resolved to visit all Jama'ats in Pakistan and abroad. I am very grateful to Allah Ta'ala that I have been able to put that resolve into reality. In the first year I was able to visit all the Jama'ats in Pakistan. In the next phase of my plan, I commenced my overseas visits from Indonesia. I was overjoyed to see the enthusiasm of our Jama'at members, their numbers and the freedom with which they practice their faith. I was honoured to open their new centre, launch their website, visit members and add to the already existing spirit of brotherhood. More recently, I have visited the Jama'ats in Fiji, New Zealand and Australia. The bond of brotherhood that binds our hearts together is something common to all the places I visit. It transcends all the differences of colour and country of origin. The moment you are received at the airport, you forget that you are from another country with a different language and culture. All of these blend into one and we belong to one state, speak one language and belong to one culture -- that is Ahmadiyyat.

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Hazrat Ameer Dr. Saeed Ahmad Khan, The Third Ameer and President of Ahmadiyya Anjuman Isha'at-i-Islam Lahore. (1981-1996)

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***The Islamic view on...
The Purpose of Human Existence
Selected by Sarah Ahmed***

Holy Quran

“And I have not created the jinn and men except that they should serve me.”

(Adh-Dhaariyaat 51:56)

Hadith

God says about Himself, "I was a hidden treasure and wanted to be known; therefore I created (the world)." (Al Maudhooat ul Kabeer Chapter 'Kaaf' by Mullah Ali Qaari)

Sayings of the Promised Messiah

“The real object of man’s life according to the Quran is, therefore, a true knowledge and worship of God and a total resignation to His will so that whatever is said or done is for His sake only. One thing, at least, is plain: man has no choice in the matter of fixing the aim of life. He is a creature, and the Creator, Who has brought him into existence and bestowed upon him higher and more excellent faculties than upon other animals, has also assigned an object to his existence. A man may or may not understand it, or a hundred different motives may hold him back from it, but the truth is that the grand aim of man’s life consists in knowing and worshipping God and living for His sake.”

(Teachings of Islam, p. 168)

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The success of a trip is only measured by the love that has been generated and the ties that have been strengthened between the followers of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, Imam of this era. Other criteria of success vary from country to country. I may remember Fiji for the meeting with the honourable judges of the Fiji High Court, the running of a successful course on the ‘Ahmadiyya Teachings’ by members of my team or by 50 persons taking the pledge (Bai’at); Australia by being given the opportunity to participate in a gathering of the Dharruk Tribe and to open their new centre; or addressing a mixed gathering of 180 persons including the Mayor and counsellors of a Sydney City area; New Zealand Jama’at by the members who make up for their small number with an immeasurable love for the Ahmadiyya Movement and souls yearning to play an active part in its spread. Both in Australia and New Zealand there was a great need to have Jama’at centres and all members in both countries have shown a resolve to respond to the appeal and work towards furthering their identity and having their centres. I am grateful to Allah that I returned home with the satisfaction that the spirit of the Ahmadi brotherhood that Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad had inculcated in the Jama’at is still alive.

The News From...

The Central Anjuman, Lahore

Jalsa-i-Yaad-i-Raftgaan

(Gathering in Memory of Past Elders)

A one-day seminar was held at Darus Salaam Lahore on 4th July 2004 in memory of the first successor of Hazrat Masih-i-Mauood and the past four Ameer of the Lahore Ahmadiyya Jama'at. Many members of the Jama'at coming from various places within Pakistan attended the function.

Speakers highlighted the exemplary lives of the great leaders of the Jama'at. Chaudhry Abdul Hameed spoke about Maulana Noor ud Deen, first successor of the Promised Messiah, followed by Mrs. Zubaida Ahmad who gave a talk about Maulana Mohammad Ali. Mian Farooq Ahmad Sheikh related his experiences and interactions with Maulana Sadr ud Deen. Ms Safia Saeed gave a graphic description of the life and achievements of Dr. Saeed Ahmad Khan, the third Ameer of the Jama'at. Mr. Aamir Aziz highlighted the outstanding qualities of the late Dr. Asghar Hameed.

The Jalsa ended with a prayer for the departed souls of our past leaders. Hazrat Ameer Dr. Abdul Karim Saeed led the prayer.

The Annual Tarbiyyatee Course

The Central Anjuman runs the Annual Tarbiyyatee (Training) Course, for religious education of the youth of the Jama'at every year in the month of July. This year the course was conducted from 5th to 18th of July. The attendance, particularly of the young children was very encouraging. There were about fifty students in the Junior Course. The salient feature of the Tarbiyyatee Course 2004 was the

introduction of a separate complete junior course for children between the ages of six and eleven years which was specially designed to cater to their learning ability. This was a roaring success due mostly to the dedication of the course in-charge Ms Safia Saeed and the teachers.

In the senior course the following major subjects were dealt with:

Khatm-i-Nabuwwat (Finality of Prophethood)

Biography of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad based on the book "Mujaddad-i-Azam".

The Ahmadiyya Movement

Causes of the Split in the Ahmadiyya Movement

Concept of Jihad in Islam

Allegations against the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him)

Hadith Shareef

The birth and death of Jesus Christ

Lives of Ahmadi Leaders

Religions of the World

About fifty regular students took the test at the end of the course. Besides, a large number of people attended the course as casual students. Hazrat Ameer himself remained present throughout, to encourage the students and guide the instructors. Tarbiyyatee Course 2004 also made history, in that, for the first time two students from overseas, Mr. Abdul Nasim and his wife Begum Azeena Shahnaaz, came all the way from Fiji to attend the course.

Declamation and quiz tests were conducted to build the students' confidence in public speaking and increase their general awareness. Sports were organised in the evenings for the physical training of the students. The boys vied for honours in

football and the girls in badminton at the end of the course. A picnic to the scenic Jallo Forest Park was also organised which everybody thoroughly enjoyed. Hazrat Ameer distributed prizes at an impressive ceremony on the closing day. Following students achieved honours during the course:

Final Test

Senior Group

First	Waqas Ahmad	Kuchhee
Second	Sobia Ghafoor	Lahore
Third	Ahmad Murtaza	Uchh Shareef

Middle Group

First	Saeed Ullah	Daibgran
Second	Saleha Anwaar	Lahore
Third	Kulsoom Zaman	Lahore

Junior Group A

First	Muhammad Saleem	Lahore
Second	Waqas Ahmad	Safaid Dheree
Third	Humzah Shakeel	Shahdara

Junior Group B

First	Moeed Husain	Lahore
Second	Waleed Husain	Lahore
Third	Harsa Aziz	Lahore

Quiz

Senior Group

First	Sobia Ghafoor	Lahore
Second	Haroon Javed	Lahore
Third	Ahmad Murtaza	Uchh Shareef

Middle Group

First	Saeed Ullah	Daibgran
Second	Asfandiyar	Sarai Naurang
Third	Saleha Anwaar	Lahore

Junior Group A

First	Mubarak Ahmad	Multan
Second	Afshan Rasool	Lahore
Third	Waleed Ahmad	Sarai Naurang

Junior Group B

First	Abdullah	Lahore
Second	Moeed Husain	Lahore
Third	Namra Mansoor	Shahdara

Declamation Contest

Senior Group

First	Haroon Javed	Lahore
Second	Nabeela Salaam	Karachi
Third	Fauzia Haneef	Faisalabad

Middle Group

First	Shiraz Aftab	Chak 81
Second	Shoaib Aftab	Chak 81
Third	Saleha Anwaar	Lahore

Junior Group A

First	Asad Zahoor	Safaid Dheree
Second	Afshan Rasool	Lahore
	Mubarak Ahmad	Multan
Third	Shujah Islam	Multan
	Sadiq Ahmad	Multan

Junior Group B

First	Talha Shakeel	Shahdara
Second	Muhammad Hafeez	Multan
	Muhammad Abdullah	Lahore
Third	Namra Mansoor	Shahdara

Waqas Ahmad who topped the Senior Group was awarded the "Dr. Asif Hameed Gold Medal" and the "Sahibzada Abdul Lateef Shaheed Shield". Congratulations to all the award winners. Keep it up.

Hazrat Ameer Leaves for tour of the Western Hemisphere

Hazrat Ameer left Lahore on 26th July for a tour of the Jama'ats in the western hemisphere. He will Insha Allah be attending the Annual Convention of the Ahmadiyya Anjuman Isha'at-i-Islam Lahore (USA) Inc. in Columbus Ohio, International Convention in Paramaribo, Surinam and convention of the Guyana Jama'at in Georgetown. He will also be visiting Trinidad & Tobago and various other Jama'ats in the United States and Canada. Let us all pray for the success of Hazrat Ameer's tour and his safe return to the Centre.

Guyana

A BBC reporter, Kati Whitaker, interviewed brother Mansoor Baksh of Guyana Jama'at. The interview was broadcast as part of a short piece about the Ahmadiyya Movement in Guyana on a World Service radio programme called Reporting Religion. It was aired several times during the weekend starting 24th of July. The programme was also available for a week on the BBC World Service Website. May Allah Ta'ala bless Mansoor's efforts to spread His message to the world. *Aameen.*

Berlin

By the grace of Almighty Allah a young German scientist has accepted Islam on the hand of our Imaam Chaudhry Riaz Ahmad. *Alhamd o Lillah.* Mr Cornel Adler has a master's degree in botany and is currently doing research work with a firm in Berlin. The new Muslim name given to him is Kornel Karim Adler. May Allah Ta'ala grant brother Karim success in his new Islamic way of life and increase his Imaan. May He also bless Chaudhry Riaz's efforts and grant him greater success in the future. *Aameen.*

Wedding

Nikah ceremony of Mr. Mohammad Ali and Miss Salma Chaudhry was solemnised by Hazrat Ameer in Jamiah Darus Salaam on 30th June 2004. Mohammad Ali is the son of Chaudhry Mahmood Ahmad and is working for an information technology company in Berlin, Germany. He also devotes valuable time as the honorary Assistant Imaam of the Berlin Mosque. Miss Salma is the granddaughter of Malik Saeed Ahmad Sahib. We pray for the happiness of the couple.

Obituary

We are informing you with deep sorrow that Mrs. Amina Ali, mother of brother Shaukat A. Ali died in Brisbane Australia on 23 July 2004 at the age of 87

Inna lillahi wa inna elaihi raaji oon.

She had been ill for some time now and the fervent prayers of Hazrat Ameer and the worldwide Lahore Ahmadiyya Community were a source of strength for her and the family during these trying times. May Allah Ta'ala bless her soul and grant her a high position in *Jannat ul Firdaus*. We also pray that He may grant patience and fortitude to brother Shaukat and the rest of the bereaved family to bear this great loss. *Aameen.*

Hazrat Ameer led the *Ghaibaana Namaaz-i-Janaaza* after Friday prayers on 23 July 2004 at Jamiah Darus Salaam, Lahore.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Salaana Duaiyyah 2004 (Annual Prayer Gathering) of the Jama'at will, *Insha Allah*, be held at Darus Salaam, Lahore, Pakistan from Wednesday 22nd to Sunday 26th December.

Hazrat Ameer's visit to Jama'ats in the Pacific Region By Shaukat A. Ali, Bangkok

Alhamdulillah, the first ever visit by Hazrat Ameer to the Anjuman's branches in the Pacific, was a very momentous event and one which is envisioned to change the image and profile of the Anjuman in that part of the world.

Members of the *Jama'at in Fiji*, New Zealand and Australia were overwhelmed and delighted that the visit had materialized as it was the first time most of the members had the opportunity to meet an *Ameer* of our *Jamaat*. They took full advantage of *Hazrat Ameer's* presence amongst them and participated fully and enthusiastically in all the events organized by those branches. The charisma, piety and erudite deportment of *Hazrat Ameer* naturally played an important part in attracting and captivating the audience and in the tremendous success of the mission.

Meetings were also arranged with several very important groups and prominent people such as the Judges of the High Court in Fiji and the Aboriginal Community in Sydney. Advantage was taken at every opportunity to provide briefings on the *Anjuman* and its activities globally, regionally as well as nationally. Copies of Holy Quran and other literature were provided to as many non-members as possible. There were functions arranged virtually every evening and small group discussions during the day when there was no other official function.

Sister Sabiha Saeed and brother Aamir Aziz also provided an excellent service for the members of the *Fiji Jama'at at Masjid Noor* in Suva where they conducted classes for the members every evening. 12 topics were selected and they covered these exceptionally well in the form of *Dars-i-Quran*, seminars and workshops.

As a result of regular interactions over a two-week period, 51 members of *Ahmadiyya Anjuman Isha'at Islam (Lahore) Fiji* took *Bai'at* at the hands of *Hazrat Ameer* on the eve of their departure from Fiji.

Members of the *Jama'at in New Zealand* organized various events and were so impressed with *Dars-i-Quran*, lectures and discussions with *Hazrat Ameer* that their Board of Directors decided to proceed with the establishment of a Centre in Auckland as soon as possible. An appeal for funds for the project brought spontaneous and enthusiastic response and *Insha Allah* with the encouragement and support from our members globally the Centre will be a reality in the near future. *Aameen*.

Members of the *Jama'at in Australia* also benefited a lot from the visit as several members had taken leave from their normal activities to spend as much time as possible with *Hazrat Ameer* during his stay in Sydney. There were several functions for members at various venues and separate functions for Muslims generally and for Muslims and non-Muslims, where the Mayor of Holroyd City, Blacktown Mayor's representative, Aboriginal Queen and other prominent community leaders were also present. This function was attended by almost 200 people and was an excellent opportunity to show the beatific face of Islam and the beliefs of the *Anjuman*. It is interesting to note that the comments from the Mayor and the other Mayor's Representative were that they had learnt more about Islam in one evening than they had in all their lives.

There is no doubt that the visit will generate a lot more interest among our members and a greater sense of belonging resulting in more active and enthusiastic participation by them in the *Anjuman's* activities, while non members will hopefully learn more about Islam and Ahmadiyya Movement. *Aameen*.

Glimpses Of Hazrat Ameer's Visit To The Jama'ats In The Pacific Region Indonesia



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With Head of the Islamic Studies, Dr. Noman and Samina Malik



A gathering at the Jakarta Mosque

Fiji



Bai'at at Masjid Noor, Suva



With Judges of the Fiji High Court



Oldest member of the Jama'at



Australia and New Zealand



Gathering at Dr. Abdul Habib Sahu Khan's Residence, Sydney



With Senior Elder of Dharruk Tribe, Mayor of Blacktown, Councillors and President of Sydney Jama'at



Shaukat A. Ali addressing the gathering



Miss Lorizah finishes recitation of the Holy Quran (Masha Allah)

Prayer at the site of the Jama'at's graveyard





With the New Zealand members



Speaking to children at the Holy Cross School of the Dharruk Tribe

Some Thoughts on the Visit to Fiji Jama'at

By Sabiha Saeed

Hazrat Ameer, Aamir Aziz and I visited Fiji for a fortnight in May. It was a very heartening and morale-boosting experience, I believe, on both sides.

Fiji, I never thought, was that far off. It is a group of islands located in the Pacific Ocean on the dateline. To get there we had to travel for three nights and two days, of course including the long transit time at Bangkok and Seoul airports. It seemed very tiring, but we felt totally invigorated by the warm and refreshing welcome extended to us on reaching Nandi, about three to four hours drive from Suva, the capital of Fiji, which was our final destination. I was filled with reverence for our spiritual forefathers who went through the rigours of months of sea travel to reach that far off land to fight in the defence of Islam, which was under attack from all sides. In Fiji, Hindus Christians, Arya Samaj, Atheists were all out to destroy Islam and it had almost gone under, when God's help came in the form of our great "Mujahideen" such as Mirza Muzzafar Beg Sateh, Maulana Allah Yar, Master Abdullah, Maulana Abdul Haq Vidhiarthi, Hafiz Sher Mohammad, may Allah shower His blessings on all of them. So far from home, they fought single handed against the vicious attacks of Hindu priests, the Christian missionaries and all the other religious groups who felt threatened by the superior teachings of Islam. The ignorant Muslim masses and *Mualvis* could not take them on. With the help of God, it was the Ahmadiyya teachings of Islam that put them to flight.

At present, there are various Sunni and other Muslim groups who, like everywhere else in the world, are vehemently opposing Ahmadiyyat, little appreciating that had the Ahmadis not come to the defence of Islam, it may have very well been wiped out of

Fiji. I have given such a lengthy historical background of Ahmadiyyat in Fiji to make us appreciate the sacrifices made by our spiritual ancestors and secondly to realise what can be achieved even by a single determined, learned and motivated individual.

The Jama'at in Fiji has shrunk somewhat in recent years because of the large-scale migration of Ahmadis, who are almost all of Indian origin, to Australia, New Zealand, and USA etc. This is mostly because of the unsettled political conditions in Fiji. It is my opinion that for Ahmadiyyat to prosper in Fiji in the future, we must somehow find ways of reaching the native inhabitants who are almost all either Christian or do not belong to any faith. The people of Indian origin feel economically and politically threatened and most of them are biding their time to leave Fiji. Ahmadis mostly being well educated and well off can do so more easily. While this results in Ahmadi Jama'ats gaining strength elsewhere, the Jama'at in Fiji is losing members. Of course, *Insh Allah*, there will always be a healthy active Jama'at there but there is a crying need to add the native Fijians to the Jama'at to give it strength. The propagation of Islam to non-believers, which is our basic mission, can only then be fulfilled. Fiji being a British colony for a long time missionaries have converted many tribes to Christianity. Now, that Fiji is an independent country, there is no reason why we cannot convince them of the truth of Islam. How we can do it needs to be given deep thought.

Coming back to the reality on ground for the present we have, Masha Allah, an active and prosperous Jama'at there, who are not only keen to consolidate and strengthen themselves but propagate their belief using all means at their disposal such as radio, television, seminars and distribution of literature.

May Allah help them in their mission.
Ameen.

Hazrat Ameer in Australia

By Nur Jahan Alam, Australia

Hazrat Ameer, Dr. Abdul Karim Saeed accompanied by Mr. Shaukat A. Ali arrived at Sydney from New Zealand at 4:45 pm on 12th May 2004. Some members of the Sydney and Adelaide Jama'ats received them at the airport. They were driven straight to the residence of Dr. Abdul Habib and Mrs. Chand Bibi Sahu-Khan who have been members of the Jamaat since 1934 and 1947 respectively. Dr. Abdul Habib was president of the Sydney Jama'at for long and has been the moving force behind the Lahore Ahmadiyya Movement in Australia. After a sumptuous tea, Hazrat Ameer Sahib and Mr Shaukat Ali were driven to Blacktown to the residence of Mohammed Usman and Waheeda Sahu-Khan where they stayed for the duration of their visit in Sydney.

Visit to Dharruk Indigenous Tribe

On 13th of May, the Elders and about 100 community members of the Dharruk indigenous tribe welcomed Hazrat Ameer Sahib, Mr Shaukat Ali and members of the Jama'at at a very special ceremony. The Dharruk or Dharug are the traditional owners of approximately 6,000 square Kilometres of land which extends from the mouth of the Hawkesbury River; inland to Mount Victoria, Campbell Town, Liverpool, Camden, Penrith and Windsor.

At the welcome, Hazrat Ameer was asked to participate in the smoking ceremony with Elder Uncle Wes Marne. In this ceremony, a drum filled with smouldering herbs was carried around the room, accompanied by the sounds of a didgeridoo and clapping sticks. Elder Uncle Wes Marne is also the Storyteller for the tribe. He holds the tribal history and cultural values in the form of stories.

In his address to the community, Hazrat Ameer spoke about the basic teachings of

Islam, which lay particular stress on tolerance and peaceful coexistence. He explained the high esteem and honour in which the Muslims hold Jesus Christ and his mother Mary and the spiritual significance of his miracles. He was given a tour of the Holy Cross School where he met some children and was able to speak with them. The Dharruk community members hosted a lunch for the guests.

Visit to Canberra

After the visit in Emerton, Sydney, Hazrat Ameer Sahib, Mr Shaukat Ali and some other Sydney members drove to Canberra to the residence of Mr Sadru-Dean and Mrs Nazmeen Sahu-Khan. They arrived in Canberra at approximately 6.00 pm. In addition to a large number of Jama'at members, the president and some senior members of the Canberra Islamic Centre, as well as friends from other religions (Christians and Hindus) had gathered to meet Hazrat Ameer. He delivered a short dars on the role played by the Ahmadiyya Movement in the service of Islam and the Islamic concept and teachings about human rights. At the function, one of the senior members of the Canberra Islamic Society commented that he would have been very disappointed if Hazrat Ameer Sahib had not spoken on that particular topic. Copies of the "Holy Quran" and "Religion of Islam" were presented to the President of the Canberra Islamic Centre. He commented that it was important that the difference between the Lahori and Qadiani groups of the Ahmadiyya Movement is clarified.

After dinner, there was a brief tour of Canberra City, before returning to Sydney. Hazrat Ameer Sahib and entourage arrived back in Blacktown Sydney at 3.00 am.

Jummah

There was a brief sightseeing tour of Sydney on Friday morning, 14th of May, before going for Jummah prayers at the

residence of Mr Zakir Hussein and Mrs Renuka Sahu-Khan. Hazrat Ameer spoke about the importance of unity amongst members of the Jama'at. He exhorted them to forge complete unity in order to march forward for the fulfilment of the Jama'at's mission, which is spreading the message of Islam to the corners of the world. The hosts served lunch.

Dars-i-Quran

On Friday evening, a Dars-i-Quran was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs Usman Sahu-Khan. Hazrat Ameer Sahib very eloquently explained the meanings of *Surah Al Fateha* and its significance as a complete and most comprehensive prayer. Mr Shaukat Ali also addressed the gathering, speaking about activities of the Jama'at in the South Asia Pacific region. At the end of the dars there was a commemoration for Miss Lorizah, the younger daughter of Mohammed Usman, who completed the Arabic recitation of the Holy Quran.

Information Session for Members of the Jama'at

An information and question and answer session was held for the Jama'at members at Glendinning Community Centre on Saturday morning. Almost all members of the Sydney Jama'at as well as a couple of members from Adelaide and Melbourne joined this session. There were presentations by Hazrat Ameer Sahib, Mr Shaukat Ali and a number of members of the Jama'at, including some very junior members. Lunch was provided for all by Mr. and Mrs Jamir Khan. Members joined in the Zuhr and Asr Prayers.

Formal Function

On Saturday evening, members of the Blacktown and Holroyd Councils as well as some Elders of the Dharruk tribe were invited to participate in a formal function held at Glendinning Community Centre. Aunty Mavis Halverson, Senior Elder of Dharruk Tribe was given an opportunity to

welcome Hazrat Ameer officially on their traditional land. Mr Stephen Bali, Councillor of Blacktown Council as representative of the Mayor of Blacktown Council and the Mayor of Holroyd John Brodie also welcomed Hazrat Ameer to Australia.

At the end of the formal function, Hazrat Ameer Sahib presented copies of "The Holy Quran" and "The Religion of Islam" to Aunty Mavis Halverson, Uncle Wes Marne, Councillor Stephen Bali, Mayor John Brodie and Councillor Elizabeth Culkan of Holroyd Council

There were approximately 180 people from different communities and religions and Hazrat Ameer Sahib had an opportunity to speak with many people. A lavish dinner was provided for all by various members of the Sydney Jama'at.

Late on Saturday evening, another function was held at the residence of Dr Mohammed Ali and Mrs Khalda Sahu-Khan where a small number of members were invited for supper with Hazrat Ameer.

Departure

This historic visit to Australia by the head of the Worldwide Lahore Ahmadiyya Community ended on Sunday 15th May 2004. The flight from Sydney International Airport to Fiji departed at 12.30 pm. Several members of the Jama'at came to bid farewell to Hazrat Ameer Sahib.

This short visit has infused new life into the members of the Jama'at in Australia who are now determined to work more vigorously for the success of our mission. May Allah Ta'ala grant us the strength and spirit to spread the message of Allah to the corners of the world. *Aameen*

A Letter from New Zealand

My dear Hazrat Ameer,
Assalaam-o-Alaikum.

Please accept my belated appreciation on behalf of myself and my family including my dear mother together with members of the Jama'at for your visit to our shores albeit a very short one. It certainly was a momentous and joyous occasion. It was also a milestone in that this was the first ever visit by any of our leaders from Pakistan. We were indeed very privileged and honoured to have met you, and shaking hands with you, Sir, was an experience that no words can describe. The fulfilment and material gain from having been with you have resurrected my inner somewhat dead soul (metaphorically) and infused a new life, which I pray would lead me to turn a new leaf in my quest to propagate Islam and Ahmadiyyat. May Allah *Subhaana hoo wa Ta'ala* give you health and guidance to lead our Jama'at to greater heights and recognition globally.

Please remember me in your prayers.

Wassalaam

Abid Raza

A Summary of the Friday Sermon

Contributed By Safia Saeed

The Friday sermon on June 25th, delivered by Qari Ghulam Rasool was based on *Surah Al-Takaathur* (chapter 102) of the Holy Quran.

Qari Sahib said that abundance of wealth and possessions accompanied by a desire to acquire more completely diverts a person from the real object of his life. The superiority over others in possession, knowledge, wisdom and skill makes a person arrogant and haughty. He does not hesitate to ridicule his fellow beings who are deprived of the worldly wealth and shows high handedness to them. He is least

mindful of the fact that Allah has all the power to reverse their destinies. These people are so engrossed in accumulating and multiplying their fortunes, that they are unaware of Allah and do not turn to Him even if calamities befall them in this world. It is only after death that they will see the consequences of their deeds and realise what they have actually lost by not being mindful of the warnings.

As compared to these people, men of God have the object of their life in sight. They proceed on the basis of certain knowledge known as "*Ilm ul yaqeen*" and through inference and observation attain a certainty known as "*Ain ul yaqeen*". The third and last step of knowledge is "*Haq ul yaqeen*" in which they go through actually experiencing the truth in this very world.

Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmed said that what an ordinary person just believes, the saints and chosen ones of Allah actually see. The men who always kept their eyes on the actual object, they experience the rewards of being in close contact with Allah in this world.

Qari Sahib said that to reach the stage of "*Haq ul yaqeen*" a person has to find time in his daily routine when he can sit in seclusion and ponder over his deeds and peep into his soul to search for the true path, Allah will guide him on the right path. To emphasize this he cited a Hadith narrating that Allah says that if a person loves Him, he should increasingly say voluntary prayers and seek his guidance. In return Allah will become that person's eyes and hands i.e. all his acts will be blessed by Allah.

The sermon was concluded with the advice of Hazrat Sahib to shun all evil especially pride and arrogance; never to look down upon our fellow beings who are less fortunate than us, and not to hesitate in asking Allah for guidance. Anyone who does not ask Allah for help would be termed as a proud person. Such persons will surely not enter paradise.

Hazrat Ameer's Visit to Fiji

By Abdul Nasim, Fiji

Hazrat Ameer Dr. Abdul Karim Saeed, along with a two-member delegation arrived in Fiji on the 28th of April 2004. The Regional Director Asia Pacific Mr. Shaukat A. Ali, General Secretary Mr. Mehboob Raza and other Jama'at members received them at the Nadi International Airport.

The delegation while travelling to Suva made a short visit to Maulana Muhammad Ali Masjid at Maro Sigatoka where members of the Jama'at welcomed them. General Secretary Mr. Mehboob Raza in his welcome address stressed the importance of the Ahmadiyyat teachings and the need for unity in the Jama'at. Hazrat Ameer in his message to the members encouraged them to come regularly to the mosque and to stand firm on their beliefs. The Maro members appealed to Hazrat Ameer for the urgent need of a fulltime *mubaligh* at Muhammad Ali Masjid. The members were delighted to receive a positive response from Hazrat Ameer.

After lunch, they drove to Masjid Noor, Suva where the Suva members welcomed the delegates. After *Maghrib Namaaz*, Hazrat Ameer briefly addressed the members on our mission and the importance of propagation of Islam. This was followed by *Ishaa' Namaaz*.

On 2nd May 2004, a Jalsa was organised at the national level to welcome Hazrat Ameer, Mr. Aamir Aziz and Mrs. Sabiha Saeed officially. Jama'at members from Maro and Nausori also attended this congregation. The Jalsa began with recitation of the verses of the Holy Quran by eight years old Abdul Hashim Aziz. The National President, Mr. Shafi-ud-Dean, while welcoming the delegation, thanked them for their sacrifice and prayed for the success of their mission. Mrs. Sabiha Saeed delivered the first speech on "Education and the Role of Women in the Jama'at". Mr. Aamir Aziz spoke at length on "The Status

and Position Hazrat Masih-i-Mauood, the Reformer of the Fourteenth Century". Hazrat Ameer later delivered a speech winning the hearts of all. The other two speakers were no exception either.

A National Jalsa organised at the Civic Centre, where ministers, judges and members of the diplomatic missions were invited, had to be cancelled due to the death of Fiji's former Prime Minister and President Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara.

The delegation led by Hazrat Ameer together with other members made home visits, meeting members and highlighting the objectives of our Jama'at. In spite of the very bad road condition, they even travelled to Navelo, a very remote village in Nausori, to meet Begum Sahadat Ali, who is perhaps the oldest living Ahmadi in the world.

A Jalsa was also organised at Masjid Al Fatah in Nausori by a group of Ahmadi's operating under the name of Anjuman Hidayat-ul-Isalm established in the late 1930s by Master Muhammad Abdullah Sahib.

Hazrat Ameer and Mr. Shaukat A. Ali departed to continue their visits to Australia and New Zealand but Aamir Aziz and Mrs. Sabiha Saeed stayed back in Fiji to organise a training workshop for the Fiji members. Abid Aziz assisted the two delegates from the Central Anjuman in conducting this two weeks workshop. It was for the first time that a course of this nature was ever conducted in Fiji. All three delivered very comprehensive lectures. A large number of members, both old and young, benefited from this course.

After Hazrat Ameer's return from Australia and New Zealand, another Jalsa was organised at Masjid Noor. This historic Jalsa will remain in our memories as the Jama'at members for the first time took the pledge (Ba'at) on the hand of Hazrat Ameer Dr. Abdul Karim Saeed.

The Pledge (Bai'at) Of a Lahori Ahmadi

Ash-hadu al-la ilaha illallahu, wahdahu la sharika lahu wa ash-hadu anna Muhammadan 'abduhu wa Rasuluh.

"I bear witness that there is no object of adoration besides Allah, Who is One and has no associate and I bear witness that Muhammad is His servant and His Messenger."

This day, I join the Movement of the *Mujaddid*, the Promised Messiah and the Promised Mahdi, *Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad*, and sincerely repent of all the sins that I have so far committed. I sincerely pledge that so far as my wit and power go, I will eschew all evil and

WILL HOLD RELIGION ABOVE THE WORLD.

To the best of my capacity, I will fulfil the obligations of prayer, of fasting, of charity, and of the pilgrimage to Mecca. To the best of my means, I will exert myself in the propagation of Islam and the extension of the Movement, as the Ahmadiyya Anjuman Isha'at Islam Lahore may direct. I promise to pay the monthly subscription to Ahmadiyya Anjuman Isha'at Islam Lahore or any of its branches according to my means.

Astagh firullaha Rabbi min kulli zambinw wa atubu ilaihi, Rabbi inni zalamtu nafsi wa 'tarafu bi-zambi faghfiri zunubi fa-innahu la yagh firuz-zunuba illa anta.

"I ask forgiveness of Allah, my Lord, for all my sins and to Him I turn. I have been cruel to myself, O Lord, and I confess my sins. So forgive my sins; for no one forgives sins except Thyself."

The Ten Conditions of Bai'at

"I bear witness that there is no God but Allah, and I bear witness that Muhammad, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, is His servant and His messenger."

1. I declare in all sincerity that from now till I am in the grave, I will desist from associating anyone with Allah.
2. I will shun falsehood, adultery, sensual gaze and all kinds of inequity and impiety and perfidy and sedition, disloyalty, and will not submit to carnal passions even under the most provocative instigation.
3. I will regularly perform my prayers five times in accordance with the injunctions of Allah and the Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, and so far as possible, I will say the Tahajjud Prayers (Voluntary Nightly Prayers), and call for Blessings on the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him (Darood), and seek Allah's forgiveness and will yearn for His mercy.
4. I will not harm the people generally and in particular the Muslims, under any provocation, by tongue or hand or in any other manner.
5. I will ever remain faithful to Allah under all circumstances whether in grief or respite, or distress or prosperity, and will always submit to the Will of Allah, and will be ready to bear willingly any dishonour and affliction in His path, and will not abandon Him on occurrence of any calamity; but instead will move forward.
6. I will abstain from following the traditional customs, and indulging in licentiousness. I will comply fully with the Quranic injunctions, and will follow in every way, the commandments of Allah and the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him.
7. I will entirely shun arrogance, haughtiness, and will spend my life in humility, and meekness, politeness and gentleness.
8. I will keep the Faith, and the honour of the Faith, and my sympathies with Islam, dearer than my life, my honour, and my wealth and my children, and, even more precious than everyone dear to me.
9. I will be compassionate to all mankind for Allah's sake only, and as far as possible, I will utilise my God-given energies and favours for the benefit of mankind.
10. I will maintain a bond of brotherhood with *Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad*, exclusively for Allah's sake with the pledge for submission in the right cause till my death, and in this fraternal kinship will be so thoroughly steadfast as to hold it above all blood relations and connections, and all subjugatory positions.